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ASMR NEWSLETTER

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SUMMARY OF BILLINGS MEETINGS

Correction, M.S. Memorial Scholarship Honorable Mention – **Caley Gasch Salava**, is a student at the University of Wyoming and not Oklahoma University as listed in the last newsletter.

This is likely the final update for the 2009 meetings. Finally, all invoices have been received and bills paid. There is approximately \$17,000 excess income above expenses. The NEC has not determined how this will be used, but likely, it will be invested with the interest being made available for travel grants for students to attend the annual meetings. This program was started last year and by investing this money in such a way, we should be able to realize over \$1,000 for student grants. Last year we were able to provide \$350 from this account and next year at least 2x that amount should be available to distribute for the Pittsburgh meetings. The criteria for students to obtain one of these grants are on the web page.

ASMR DIRECTORY

The new Directory for 2009 has been mailed. When it arrives, put it where you can find it. It seems I get at least a dozen requests for email addresses of members (from current members) each year. Every paid member receives a current Directory each year. Please check to see if the information I have for you is correct, if not let me know. Remember to send me any changes in addresses (email and postal addresses) when they occur. The new post office regulations require that I verify the accuracy of our address database at least twice each year. This is done in a variety of ways, but basically it costs the equivalent of a first class postage each time an incorrectly addressed item is returned plus the cost of sending the original letter via bulk mail.

FRANK CARUCCIO PASSING

I have been informed that Frank Caruccio passed away peacefully on Wednesday, 7/29/09 after a long struggle with Parkinsons disease. Frank presented many papers at our meetings as well as writing a chapter in the book Reclamation of Drastically Disturbed Lands. He was a member of **ASMR** for many years prior to contracting this disease, which prevented his attending our meetings. I am sure his spouse, Gwendelyn Geidel, and family would appreciate any donations made in his honor to the Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund in his name. I will send a card to Gwen with the names of those who make such a gift.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Call for Abstracts and Workshops for 2010 was sent out recently. In addition to the Pennsylvania Abandoned Mineland Reclamation Group, the Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative (**ARRI**) has joined **ASMR** as co-sponsors of the Pittsburgh meetings. These groups will bring a new twist to our sessions by each having several non-technical or case study presentations. We expect abstracts for these

non-peer reviewed papers to be submitted in the normal manner. If the authors submit full papers, they will be peer reviewed, otherwise only the abstract or extended abstract will be placed on the CD ROM. We expect these oral or poster papers will evolve into three or four half-day sessions that could draw persons who will also benefit from our more traditional technical presentations. The web page for the meetings is www.PghMiningReclamationConf.com as well as information on our web page www.asmr.us. We may be experimenting with new procedures this year for the meetings. Details are not complete at this time.

When you go to the Pittsburgh web page, click on “abstracts” to get more information. You will note that there are two options for abstracts. The first is for technical papers either oral or posters in which a draft paper will be submitted later. Directions and submission dates for draft and final manuscripts for these papers will be sent to the authors when they submit their abstracts. These dates will be similar to those in the past few years. The second option is for authors with case studies, which are also oral, or posters, but only an abstract will be included on the CD ROM. The authors of these presentations may submit an extended abstract, but it will not be peer reviewed. This option is primarily for the PA Abandoned Mine Reclamation folks, as well as for some papers from ARRI presenters.

A planning meeting was held last week and details of the various tours, workshops, etc. will be placed on the www.PghMiningReclamationConf.com web page as they are finalized. The committee is still looking for suggestions (volunteers) for workshops, and these may be sent to my attention and I will forward them to the appropriate person. We plan to have another program committee meeting early in October at which time the various components for the conference should be completed and details placed on the web page.

RECLAMATION MATTERS

We had only a few persons requesting back issues of Reclamation Matters and the remainder are still in my basement “drawing dust” that needs a new home. I would be glad to send a set of copies to University Libraries, just send me the appropriate address. Of course, back issues of our magazine are also on line. We can place an issue on line as soon as the next issue is published. If you wish a hard copy, **let me know by the end of this month**, otherwise, all but three or four copies will be placed in the paper-recycling bin. Only a few copies exist of the fall 2008 and spring 2009 issues, however, there are at least 50 copies of all other issues.

WEB PAGE

I have completed the revisions to the **ASMR** web page to improve it at this time. Most of these changes are seen after one gets to the front page when clicking on the various sections. This was an attempt to make them simpler.

I was able to locate a shortcut to our page, www.asmr.us which is a domain name that is shorter. Using Google to search for **ASMR** still works.

I have also put the full text of some of the proceedings of our papers of past meetings on the web page. I have put all papers for 2002 through 2008 on the web page as I have digital versions of all these papers. The papers for 2009 will not be placed on the web page until after the 2010 meetings. This is because other Societies experienced their membership dropping because of placing the current issues on the web page. I am investigating the use of a password for the current year, but any member when they renew their dues will be sent the CD ROM for 2009 at no cost. Life members will be sent this CD as well upon request. Some of the CD ROM versions of meetings prior to 2002 are also online. The listing may be

seen by going to <http://ces3.ca.uky.edu/asmr/Full%20Papers.htm> or www.asmr.us and click on “publications” followed by “copies of full papers.”

DIRECTORY

The 2009 Membership Directory has been mailed. If you have any change in your address, phone number, etc since the first of the year, **email these changes immediately.**

New Student Members since the last Newsletter and the Directory was printed.

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New Regular Members since the last Newsletter and the Directory was printed.

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UP-COMING EVENTS

If you have meetings that you would like to list, send the information to ASMR.

The University of Western Australia’s Australian Centre for Geomechanics and Centre for Land Rehabilitation, for the Fourth International Conference on Mine Closure 2009 will be **September 9-11** at the Sheraton Hotel, Perth. For more information, visit the website: <http://www.mineclosure2009.com>

Northern Latitudes Mining Reclamation Workshop Yellowknife, Northwest Territories Canada **September 8 to 11, 2009.** Contact information Bill Price, Natural Resources Canada bill.price@nrcan-mcan.gc.ca Telephone: (250) 847-9335 / (250) 847-7603 (fax)

On October 14, 2009, Dr. Jennifer Franklin at the University of Tennessee is holding a one-day Workshop at Jellico, TN: **Tree-Compatible Ground Covers for Forestry Reclamation.** Contact Jennifer for a registration form is attached. Please note that space is limited to the first 40 participants so an early registration is advised.

IMWA Symposium 2009: Pretoria (South Africa), **19 - 23 October, 2009**, CSIR Conference Centre, Pretoria

EIGHTEENTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON MINE PLANNING & EQUIPMENT SELECTION, November, 16-19, 2009, Banff, Alberta, Canada. **June 15, 2009** Receipt of abstracts (1 page limit); **June 30, 2009** Notification of paper acceptance; **September 15, 2009** Deadline for camera-ready manuscripts. Contact Dr. Raj K. Singhal singhal@shaw.ca Official Websites: <http://www.mpes-cami-swemp.com/>

11TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND WASTE MANAGEMENT IN ENERGY AND MINERAL PRODUCTION November 16-19, 2009, Banff, Alberta, Canada. **June 15, 2009** Receipt of abstracts (1 page limit); **June 30, 2009** Notification of paper acceptance; **August 15, 2009** Deadline for camera-ready manuscripts. Contact: Dr. Raj K. Singhal Email: singhal@shaw.ca, Official Websites: <http://www.mpes-cami-swemp.com/>

IMWA 2010 Symposium in Sydney/Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada (<http://www.IMWA2010.cbu.ca>)

ASMR 27th Annual Meetings will be in Pittsburgh with Lois Uranowski (OSM); Bruce Golden, Western PA Coalition Abandon Mine Reclamation (WPCAMR); Tom Grote, Stream Restoration, Inc.; and Mike Bower, Appalachian Reforestation Initiative (ARRI) are the key committee members. The Radisson will be the hotel for the meetings, which will be June 5-12, 2010. The Radisson is actually located in Green Tree a suburb of Pittsburgh near the OSM office.

ASMR 28th Annual Meetings will be in Bismarck, ND at the Ramkota Hotel with Steve Schroeder the host. Additional information will be added here when it is nearer the meetings. The date has been set for **June 12-16, 2011.**